

## Dengue

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A recent surge in the number and severity of cases of dengue in the State of Loreto and in the city of Iquitos, has led the U.S. Peace Corps in Peru to place the region off limits to Peace Corps Personnel. Dengue is a tropical disease carried by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito which can result in serious illness and death. The dengue related travel restriction will be re-evaluated on March 21, 2011.

The Peace Corps travel restriction is based on the rise in reported cases of dengue and deaths from the disease. From Jan 24 to Jan 31, reported dengue cases in Loreto jumped from 3,000 cases to 7,000 cases and from 8 deaths to 12 deaths; In comparison only 12 deaths from dengue were reported in all of Peru for all of 2010.

For more detailed information on dengue fever, check the [Center for Disease Control website](#). The Embassy will update this notice on or about March 21, 2011 when the U.S. Peace Corps in Peru reviews the current travel restrictions.